

REMARKS

The applicants appreciate the examiner's review of the application, and request reconsideration of the pending claims.

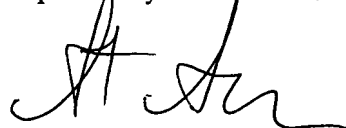
The office action objected to the disclosure because it requires updating of the priority information. Accordingly, the applicants have modified the priority paragraph on page 1 of the specification to both update the priority information and highlight the continuity data. For consistency, the applicants also submit herewith a revised application data sheet.

The office action also rejected claims 1-19 on the grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-42 of US Patent No. 6,883,778. To expedite prosecution, the applicants have submitted a terminal disclaimer with this response.

In addition, the applicant's have submitted a supplemental information disclosure statement (IDS) with this response. This IDS has, among other things, the office actions and responses of co-owned US Patent Application Number 10/700,344 (attorney docket number 1600/163) and co-owned US Patent No. 7,100,890 (attorney docket number 1600/137).

The application thus is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned, Steven Saunders (617-443-9292), if it will assist examination of the pending claims. If additional fees are required, please charge deposit account number 19-4972.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. G. Saunders', written over a horizontal line.

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